

Gambling Control Board Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2008
45 Commerce Drive, Augusta, Maine

Meeting opened at 12:40 p.m.

Board members present: Chairman George McHale, Larry Hall, Peter Danton and Cushing Samp
One vacancy exists on the Board.

Staff members present: Exec. Director Robert Welch, Sgt. Robin Parker, Auditor Scott Woods and Secretary Kathy Chamberlain.

Legal counsel: Melissa O'Dea, Assistant Attorney General

- **Minutes from December 4, 2007 meeting**

Motion to accept: Cushing Samp motioned to accept the minutes.

Seconded: Peter Danton

Vote: 4-0

- **Executive Director's Report – Robert Welch**

- A. A draft of the March Report (for Legislature) sent out previously to the Board, needs to have a vote in order to send it.
- B. Secretary of State year end report was submitted in December 2007.
- C. Hollywood Slots has 16 new machines, now a total of 491 on the floor with four in storage.
- D. Dept. of Public Safety Budget – due to the Governor's Curtailment Order, the Gambling Control Unit had to give \$40,000 back to the General Fund from the Problem Gaming Fund and \$1,500 from the emergency travel fund. Mr. Welch will not be attending the annual G.L.I. Conference.

Motion to accept: Peter Danton motioned to authorize the submission of the March report.

Seconded: Cushing Samp

Vote: 4-0

- **Financial Update – Scott Woods**

Mr. Woods advised that the End of the Year Revenue Report has been completed (and is on the website). The new machines are reporting in fine.

- **State Police Activity Update – Sgt. Robin Parker**

Since the December 4th meeting, 25 applications have been processed and a suitability investigation conducted on each. For 2007, 250 applications were processed. Sgt. Parker and Det. Armstrong went to Waukegan, Illinois to conduct Key Executive interviews of WMS Gaming employees. Bangor P.D.'s total response calls to Hollywood Slots for 2007 totaled 102; which included escorting subjects from the Racino, thefts, a dog left in a vehicle, general assistance, etc. 13 arrests were made. (Three were traffic offenses). 53 were asking subjects to leave the building i.e. intoxicated, etc. For comparison purposes, there were 198 calls to Shaws Supermarket, which is located just down the street.

- **Unfinished Business**

Melissa O'Dea advised that the contract language had been finalized, both Scientific Games and the Commissioner of D.P.S. have signed it and it has been forward to the Bureau of Purchases for review and signature.

- **New Business**

Suitability of Licensure Hearing on WMS Gaming, Waukegan, Ill – Slot Distributor

The License Criteria/Checklist of information and items that WMS Gaming, Inc. had to submit in order to make proper application to the Board was read by Exec. Dir. Welch.

A letter from Macdonald, Page & Co. LLC, financial advisors, had been received who reported a positive opinion on WMS Gaming, Inc.. The State Police had submitted their investigative report as well, nothing adverse found.

Lisa DeJesus Condon and Nicholas Casiello, representing WMS Gaming, Inc. addressed the Board and gave a short presentation about the company.

No member of the public addressed the Board on this licensing matter.

Motion to accept the application of WMS Gaming, Inc. for licensure as a Slot Distributor made by Peter Danton

Seconded: Cushing Samp

Vote: 4-0 License granted.

- **Public Comments**

None

- **Next meeting date – February 20, 2008**

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Chamberlain
Secretary